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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **FIXING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS**

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract of the Invention begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.